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## NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

### DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS



Trade sentiment fully steady to firm on whole turkeys. Demand continues to center on deferred shipments for whole turkeys, however, overall market activity on all items starting to slow as industry members start departing for a major poultry convention. A load of plant grade 24-26 lb. toms noted at 63 cents delivered. Whole turkey offerings light for current shipments, light to adequate for deferred with 16-24 lb. sizes in the closest position. Undertone continues steady to weak on fresh tom breast meat for current shipments with trading noted at steady to lower trending price levels. Trading light on line run fresh 20 lb. and heavier canner pack 58 cents delivered.

### EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Undertone steady to weak on full-cut wings with trading noted at lower prices, steady to fully steady on frozen thigh meat, barely steady at best on tom drums. Trading light.

**WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **APRIL 22, 1999**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/		
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	64	-	-	-	68.00	200	JUN	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	64	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	65	-	-	-	69.00	200	JUN	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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16-24 LB TOMS										
EASTERN REGION 3/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	65-66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days.

3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES FOR WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS**, FROZEN CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS)

WEEK OF <b>APRIL 23, 1999</b>	CURRENT WEEK	LAST WEEK	SAME WEEK YEAR AGO
8-16 LB HENS			
EASTERN REGION	64.00**	62.90**	58.00
CENTRAL REGION	64.00**	62.40**	57.00**
WESTERN REGION	64.00**	65.00	58.00**
16-24 LB TOMS			
EASTERN REGION	65.00**	63.60**	56.67
CENTRAL REGION	65.00**	63.55	56.00**
WESTERN REGION	65.30**	66.00	57.50**

\*\*BASED ON OFFERS

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY,  
DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	77-85
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-85
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	67-69
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	67-70
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	73-76

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY  
DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

	<u>RANGE</u>
TURKEYS Y HENS	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	79-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	82-89
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	88-103

<b><u>FRESH TURKEYS WITH TIMERS OR EQUIVALENT</u></b>	U.S. GRADE A, DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, EASTERN REGION, CENTS PER POUND, WEEK OF 26-APR-99			
	<b><u>(8-16#)</u></b>		<b><u>(16-24#)</u></b>	
	<b><u>HENS</u></b>	<b><u>LBS</u></b>	<b><u>TOMS</u></b>	<b><u>LBS</u></b>
	<b><u>PRICE</u></b>	<b><u>(000)</u></b>	<b><u>PRICE</u></b>	<b><u>(000)</u></b>
SALES (PROMOTIONS INCLUDED)	67.00	40		
SALES (PROMOTIONS NOT INCLUDED)	67.00	40		
SALES (PROMOTIONS ONLY)				
SALES (PRICE TO BE DETERMINED)		40	20	

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**NUMBER OF TURKEYS SLTRD IN FEDERALLY INSP PLANTS**BY GEOGRAPHICAL AREAS WEEK ENDING 10-Apr-99  
(PRELIMINARY) (RELEASED 12:00 NOON CENTRAL TIME)

<b><u>---YOUNG TURKEYS---</u></b>				<b><u>FRYER</u></b>	<b><u>OLD</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>	<b><u>TKY</u></b>
<b><u>THOUSAND</u></b>	<b><u>PW</u></b>	<b><u>AVG</u></b>		<b><u>RSTR</u></b>	<b><u>BAND</u></b>		<b><u>AVG</u></b>
<b><u>HEAD</u></b>	<b><u>% CHG</u></b>	<b><u>WT</u></b>		<b><u>---THOUSAND</u></b>	<b><u>HEAD---</u></b>		<b><u>WT</u></b>
N EAST	756	4	21.34	NONE	NONE	756	21.34
S ATL	581	-8	29.79	(A)	(A)	593	29.70
N CENT	2,273	74	30.18	(A)	(A)	2,302	30.12
S CENT	638	7	18.52	NONE	NONE	638	18.52
WEST	273	-23	25.55	(A)	(A)	275	25.70
U.S.TOTAL	4,521(B)	25	26.73	0	43	4,564	26.73
TO DATE							
1999	63,017(B)			0	429	63,446	
TO DATE							
1998	71,823(B)			8	552	72,383	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

(B) Number of young banded breeder turks included: for the week 29,000 for the year 255,000; last year to date 294,000.

**LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING** 17-Apr-99

	<b><u>FRYER- ROASTERS</u></b>	<b><u>YOUNG TURKEYS</u></b>	<b><u>OLD BANDED</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL</u></b>
	<b><u>THOUSANDS</u></b>			
HEAD	0	4,521	43	4,564
AVGWT	0.00	26.73	26.40	26.73
LAST WEEK	0	3,610	26	3,636
SAME WEEK YR AGO	0	4,430	57	4,487
AVGWT	0.00	25.82(A)	26.56	25.83
TO-DATE/1999	0	63,017(A)	429	63,446
TO-DATE/1998	8	71,823(A)	552	72,383

(A) Includes 255,000 young banded breeders in 1999 and 294,000 in 1998.

**CALIFORNIA TURKEY SLTR UNDER FED. INSP** 17-Apr-99FRYER/ROASTER 0, TO DATE 0; YOUNG 273 HD, 6,976 LBS,  
TO DATE 3,779 HD, 90,009 LBS; OLD 2 HD, TO DATE 63 HD;  
TOTAL 275 HD, TO DATE 3,842 HD.**TURKEY MOVEMENT TREND**

(IN THOUSAND POUNDS) SLAUGHTER-CERTIFIED RTC TURKEYS

MARCH	412,534 *
APRIL 1-10, 1999	126,953 *
To date 1999	1,313,455 *
To date 1998	1,470,030 *

\* PRELIMINARY

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 22 APRIL 1999.

Trade sentiment on tom 2-joint wings showing signs of increased confidence with domestic trading noted at higher price levels and frozen thigh meat steady at best to fully steady. Some increased export activity noted on tom drums at the 16-17 cent delivered port price level, however, offerings continue to be readily available. Grade A breasts: 12-14 lb. (1 load) 135, 14-16 lb. (part load) 142, plant grade fresh 4-8 lb. breasts (1 load) 115, hearts (1 load) 31 cents delivered. For export: open priced frozen thigh meat (23 loads) May shipment, ground drum meat (8 loads) 37, frozen whole tenderloins (1 load) 138 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	89.00	160
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/	138.00		138.00	98
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		R	90.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	19.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	15.00	280
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	17.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	23.00	3
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	20.00		20.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN	37.50		37.50	20
NECKS, TOM	18.00		18.00	40
NECKS, HEN		R	17.00	5
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	171.67	600
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/		W	191.57	280
THIGH MEAT		W	43.46	26
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	42.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT		W	115.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	105.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	138.00	13
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		T	160.00	40
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	15
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	14.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	14.50		14.50	80
EXPORT TRADING				
DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.50		16.50	208
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	24.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		F	18.00	208
TAILS		W	21.00	56
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		W	12.00	40
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00-43.50		42.34	290

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.): M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted. 3/ Without tenderloins. 4/ Product contains 15-20% fat with skin added.

**NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT**, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 23 APRIL 1999.

Trade sentiment steady to weak on fresh tom breast meat, steady at best on destrapped and whole tenderloins, breast trim steady. Demand and trading starting to slow on various items as industry members start departing for a major poultry convention next week. Demand light to fair on wing meat with offerings not as tight when compared to previous weeks. Offerings of full-cut wings adequate to ample with toms longest, 2-joint wings light, regular breast trim light with adequate to fully adequate offerings of ground noted. For export: tom defatted gizzards (1 container) 56 cents delivered.

**DOMESTIC TRADING**

	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)	WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICE	WEEKLY VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		W	89.00	160	94.18	560
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		R	138.00	98	138.00	98
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/						
DRUMSTICKS, TOM		M	19.00	20	19.00	20
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	15.00	280	15.00	280
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		F	17.00	40		
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		T	23.00	3	23.63	63
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		W	23.00	40	23.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	20.00	40	20.00	40
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		R	37.50	20	38.10	100
NECKS, TOM		R	18.00	40	18.00	95
NECKS, HEN						
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		W	171.67	600	171.88	616
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	170.00-193.00		185.17	240	189.43	840
THIGH MEAT		W	43.46	26	43.79	66
THIGH MEAT—FRESH		W	42.00	80	42.00	80
BREAST TRIM MEAT	115.00		115.00	40	115.00	80
SCAPULA MEAT		W	105.00	80	105.00	80
TENDERLOINS		F	138.00	13		
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	160.00		160.00	40	160.00	80
WING MEAT WITH SKIN	68.00		68.00	85	67.05	210
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	13.50		13.50	40	13.50	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	11.00-15.00		13.20	300	14.11	560

**EXPORT TRADING**

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	16.00		16.00	24	16.66	376
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS	22.00		22.00	15	23.45	55
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	18.50		18.50	104	18.50	104
TAILS		W	21.00	56	17.76	136
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	12.50-15.00		13.75	80	13.17	120
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	42.00		42.00	208	41.94	914

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